

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF STERLING)
INTERNATIONAL FUNDING, INC. FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND) CASE NO. 97-288
NECESSITY TO RESALE LOCAL)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN THE)
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)

O R D E R

On June 23, 1997, Sterling International Funding, Inc. d/b/a Reconex ("Reconex") submitted an application to the Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide intrastate telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Subsequent to correcting certain deficiencies, the application was filed on August 12, 1997.

Reconex is a Nevada corporation with its principal office in the state of Oregon. Reconex seeks authority to resale local telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Reconex plans to offer the proposed services by utilizing the facilities of other existing telecommunications providers pursuant to negotiated or tariffed arrangements. Reconex does not propose to construct any facilities within Kentucky.

On June 23, 1997, Reconex submitted its proposed tariff. However, the proposed tariff is undated and unsigned. It should be resubmitted in accordance with 807 KAR 5:011.

On July 29, 1997, the interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Reconex was submitted to the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed Reconex's agreement with BellSouth and finds that no portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

Reconex has demonstrated its financial, managerial, and technical capability to provide utility service. The Commission finds that Reconex should be authorized to provide intrastate telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as described in this Order and Reconex's application, upon approval of its tariff and interconnection agreements.

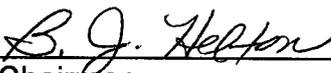
The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

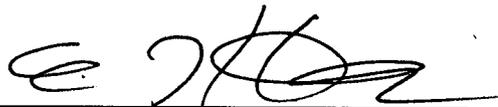
1. Reconex is granted authority to provide intrastate telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky upon approval of its tariff, its bond or escrow account, and interconnection agreements.
2. Reconex's negotiated agreement with BellSouth is approved.
3. Reconex shall comply with the monitoring requirements set forth in Administrative Case No. 355.¹
4. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, Reconex shall file its proposed tariff pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011.
5. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Reconex shall file evidence of the establishment of a bond or escrow account to fulfill its Universal Service Fund obligations.

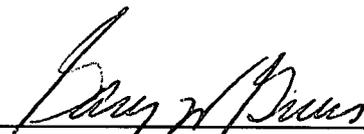
¹ Administrative Case No. 355, An Inquiry into Local Competition, Universal Service, and the Non-Traffic Sensitive Access Rate, Order dated September 26, 1996.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of November, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director